

## **TILE 101 | CARE AND MAINTENANCE | BASIC TILE CARE**

When cleaning unglazed wall and floor tiles, use a damp sponge or cloth with a solution of water and a brand of soapless detergent, do not use an all-purpose cleaner. Please do not use ammonia, as it will discolor grout. When cleaning any glazed wall tiles use a sponge or cloth and dampen it with a non-oil-based household cleaner. Vacuum glazed floor tiles regularly to remove dirt and other gritty particles, then damp mop or sponge with an all-purpose, non-oil-based cleaner.

If you are using soft water, use a non-oil-based, all-purpose cleaner. Let stand for five minutes then lightly scrub with a sponge, and rinse thoroughly.

With soap scum, mildew stains, and hard-water deposits: remove from ceramic tile using cleaning products that are commonly available at your local home improvement store.

### **CARING FOR GROUT**

After the tiles are cleaned and dried briefly after installation, some grout joints should be treated with a silicone sealer. Some grouts may need to apply a sealer at least once every six months for maximum stain protection.

### **COMMERCIAL CLEANING**

This is for areas of high traffic or areas that have been highly neglected. Heavy-duty cleaning requires making a paste of scouring powder. Apply to the area needed and let stand for a few minutes.